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SUBJECT: PLO LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ON  
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

1. UNDER COVER OF A NOTE FROM THE CHARGE OF THE LIBYAN  
MISSION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE LETTER  
REPRODUCED IN PARA 2 FROM PLO PERMANENT OBSERVER TERZI WAS  
CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL UN DOCUMENT ON MAY 23, 1977.

2. QUOTE ANNEX

LETTER DATED 19 MAY 1977 FROM THE PERMANENT OBSERVER OF THE  
PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I AM INSTRUCTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PALESTINE  
LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR  
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ATTENTION, WITH THE HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE THE MATTER  
SERIOUS AND IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND TAKE THE NECESSARY  
MEASURES TO BRING TO AN END THE CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSIVE  
SITUATION, IN PARTICULAR, THE PROLONGED OCCUPATION.

ON 3 MAY 1977 THE ISRAELI MILITARY FORCES OF OCCUPATION OPENED  
FIRE ON PALESTINIAN DEMONSTRATORS IN THE TOWN OF QABATYA

AND KILLED A 15-YEAR-OLD BOY AND A 55-YEAR-OLD WOMEN.  
IN THEIR HASTE TO BURY THE BOY'S BODY, THE ISRAELI MILITARY  
FORCES DENIED HIM A HUMANE, RELIGIOUS BURIAL - AN ACTION  
WHICH WAS CONFIRMED BY A REPORT IN THE NEW YORK TIMES ISSUE OF  
4 MAY 1977.

THE ISRAELI FORCES OF OCCUPATION PURSUE THEIR PERSISTENT POL-  
ICY OF EXPROPRIATION OF ARAB PROPERTY AND ENCOURAGE THE ES-  
TABLISHMENT OF ZIONIST SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRI-  
TORIES IN DEFIANCE OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND IN  
VIOLATION OF GENEVA CONVENTIONS. IN THE AREAS OF JENIN  
AND QABATYA, EXTENSIVE TERRITORY WAS DECLARED "CLOSED " AND  
FARMERS WERE PREVENTED FROM TILLING THEIR LANDS.

IN QABATYA, WHERE THE 15-YEAR-OLD PALESTINIAN BOY AND THE  
55-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WERE KILLED, THE INHABITANTS  
OF THE TOWN DEMONSTRATED AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
ZIONIST SETTLEMENTS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.

IN ADDITION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENTS, QABATYA'S  
INHABITANTS WERE INCITED BY THE INSISTENCE OF A U.S. CITIZEN,  
NAMED MEIR KAHANE, WHOSE PROVOCATIVE ACTIVITIES HAD RECEIVED THE  
BLESSING AND PROTECTION OF THE ISRAELI ARMY AND MEMBERS OF  
THE CABINET.

THIS CRIME RESULTED IN A WIDESPREAD REACTION IN THE PALESTINIAN  
TOWNS OF NABLUS, RAMALLAH, AND JENIN AND A GENERAL STRIKE  
WAS DECLARED IN PROTEST AGAINST THE PRACTICES OF THE OCCUPATION  
FORCES. APPROXIMATELY 70 PALESTINIANS WERE  
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DETAINED.

I AM INSTRUCTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ASK YOU, ONCE AGAIN,  
TO TAKE EFFECTIVE AND IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO  
THE BRUTAL PRACTICES OF THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION FORCES  
AND TO ELIMINATE ONE OF THE MAIN CAUSES OF THE EXPLOSIVE  
SITUATION - NAMELY PROLONGED, ILLEGAL OCCUPATION.

(SIGNED) ZEHDI LABIB TERZI  
PERMANENT OBSERVER UNQUOTE  
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